

German Prevails in Grueling Men's Triathlon

A beautiful setting, an upset and an exciting finish: The Beijing 2008 men's triathlon had it all for the thousands who gathered on the steps of the dam at the Ming Tombs Reservoir Tuesday.

German Jan Frodeno, who turned 27 just a day earlier, registered his first major international victory in a see-saw battle on the final lap with Canadian Simon Whitfield, winner of the first men's triathlon at Sydney 2000.

Frodeno, who lives in Cape Town, South Africa, finished the 1.5 km swim, 40 km cycling race and 10 km run 5.19 seconds faster than Whitfield with a total time of one hour, 48 minutes, 53.28 seconds. New Zealander Bevan Docherty, the silver medalist at Athens 2004, was third. He beat favored Javier Gomez by eight seconds.

Docherty exacted revenge against the Spaniard, who edged him for June's world championship in Vancouver.

"I had very little pressure going into this, I knew I had good form, but internationally very few people knew who I was," Frodeno said. "I knew it was going to be hard, it was going to be tough. I had to fight and fight."

Whitfield, 33, worked his way up from 22nd in the swim to 12th on the bike and progressed to be among the quartet leading the run in the heat of Beijing's countryside.

"I'm very happy with silver," Whitfield said. "I'll admit that we race to win and I have a sense of ever-so-



PHOTO OF THE DAY

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Li Yang of China (red) fights against Vasyi Lomachenko of Ukraine during men's feather quarterfinal / Getty Images

close. For a moment there I thought I had it"

New Zealand's Shane Reed led Russian Igor Sysoev out of the water, but had company with Axel Zeebroek of Belgium to end the bike stage, which featured a steep climb up a road on the north side of the reservoir. Dirk Bockel of Luxembourg was not far behind. Alistair Brownlee, a 20-year-old from Great Britain, found himself leading during part of the run and bike ride. Frodeno and the group of veterans,

which also included Spain's Ivan Rana, eventually took over.

Perhaps it was destiny that Whitfield was ultimately beaten by a German. He edged out Stephan Vuckovic at Sydney eight years ago and sustained an unintentional elbow to the eye from Frodeno during the swim portion of Tuesday's race.

Triathlon Canada was criticized at home and abroad

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Five Sports Make Cases for 2016 Olympics Appearance

Baseball, golf, karate, squash and softball leaders all say their sports belong at the 2016 Games because of popularity or unique appeal. Around the Rings editor and founder Ed Hula quizzes federation bosses about their plans and challenges at the sixth installment of the Around the Rings Newsmaker Breakfast sponsored by McDonald's.

Included on the panel are World Squash Federation President Jahangir Khan, International Golf Federation Executive Director Ty Votaw, International Softball Federation President Don Porter, World Karate

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Federation General Secretary George Yerolimpos and Harvey Schiller, president of the International Baseball Federation. Rugby and roller sports representatives could not attend.

Ed Hula: Why do you deserve a spot in the Games?

Harvey Schiller: It's enjoyed by billions of people around the world. We think it's a sport that can help the Olympic Movement achieve most of its goals and continue the focus of the organization and its

member organizations, on behalf of its national Olympic committees and its athletes.

Ty Votaw: It's played everywhere. Six continents, 60 million people strong participate in the game. We think a number of the countries could be represented within golf in the Olympic Games. Our long-standing image, culture and discipline. We think it is very consistent with Olympism.

George Yerolimpos: We believe that we are the most popular martial arts in the world by far, more than 180 national federation members; 800 million participants. In every corner of the planet we have a

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IOC 'Has Its Own Agenda' But Shunned Sports Press On

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karate club and we feel this is a value we could give the Olympic Movement.

Jahangir Khan: The sport is played by an estimated 50 million people, 155 countries and we cover five continents. We have 138 member nations in the World Squash Federation and also cover all the territories of the juniors, the girls, women's, men's masters. And we have a tour with a circuit in Asia and Europe, South America as well. We're in the Commonwealth Games, the core sports of the Pan American Games, and we are part of all the medal Games except the Olympics.

Don Porter: The future of our sport is the development of it, development of youth, females and more and more countries. We will have 31 national federations, we anticipate conservatively by next year. We're concentrating on certain countries to make our sport more universal.



Harvey Schiller, Ty Votaw and George Yerolimpos of the baseball, golf and karate federations. (ATR)

EH: What is the size of the sport you are proposing to the IOC for 2016?

HS: We're trying to keep it in line. It may be a little different depending on which of the four candidate cities is chosen. I think we might be able to describe a slightly different program for Chicago than we would for Madrid, or Tokyo or Rio. We're working with those candidates to see how a plan would be put together. We have 25 people on the roster and the numbers aren't going to change much. We're talking eight teams, a couple of hundred players.

TV: Men and women. We think that the formats that have been discussed in previous bids, in the area of 50 to 60 men and 50 to 60 women.

GY: We have five categories in men and five categories in women. Participants in each category means 120 persons.

JK: In squash, we have 32 draws for the men and for the women that we use in the Commonwealth Games. We also have doubles as well. It can be seven teams. Here could be about 50 to 60 people.

DP: We're limited here because we have eight teams and 120 athletes. We're also considering bringing our men into the Olympic side. We'd like to see the men participate in addition to the women.

Media question: One of the problems with softball is the U.S. dominance. Would it help if another country won?

DP: We don't have a lot of control over that and we don't want to. You can't take away from a team that has great ability and a great way to develop their athletes.

Media question: How do you feel about people who say these are sports that don't need the Olympics?

TV: There are a number of sports who have significant championships within their sports outside the Olympic Games but that doesn't take away from how compelling the Olympic achievement is to sports.

EH: The IOC is concerned with baseball that the best players are not competing at the Games. What would be different for baseball in 2016?

HS: We will have some of the best players by 2016 and will demonstrate between now and then in other tournaments to show representatives from around the world.

EH: That would make karate distinctive from other martial arts?

GY: We have a lot of ball sports, football, volleyball and basketball, but they are different. Martial arts are all different. We think we have a very spectacular event for the Olympic Games.

EH: How would squash be watched on television?

JK: We have developed the glass court and we can watch from all the angles. You can see the ball and movements so clearly and it looks wonderful on TV.

EH: You've all been trying to meet with the IOC members. Have you had success?

DP: We've had a good opportunity prior to start of the Games to be at the IOC Session and to meet and visit with a great number of IOC members. In addition to coming out to the softball competition, many more came out during the medal round. You can't tell by watching it on television or even seeing videos, so things like that to get them out to see it first hand helps.

JK: Generally when talking to them, they like the games. Obviously we have been meeting the last couple of years. And really they have been nice about what we have to do. Obviously the IOC has its own agenda and we are working with them.

GY: It's more important that we have a positive reaction when we approach the members of the IOC. I think they know what karate is and how popular it is for the martial arts and I hope they will keep this positive reaction in mind.



World Squash Federation President Jahangir Khan and International Softball Federation President Don Porter. (ATR)

TV: We've had positive feedback and advice as to what resonates with members in terms of our sport, what it would take and the issues there would be and how to get a handle on them.

HS: We have had a large number of people from the organizing committees and the national Olympic committees and IOC members out to our venue. I think we continue to tell what we are all about. Baseball is a very transferable sport.

The ATR Newsmaker Breakfasts present opinion-makers and leaders of the Olympic Movement in an informal, question and answer setting over coffee, juice and McDonald's breakfast offerings. The breakfasts take place at the 2,000 square meter McDonald's on the Olympic Green, the biggest in the world for the company.

The final program in the series is on August 23 with the first joint appearance by the four cities campaigning for the 2016 Winter Olympics.

Questions for our guests can be emailed ahead of time to newsmaker@aroundtherings.com.

- Janice McDonald

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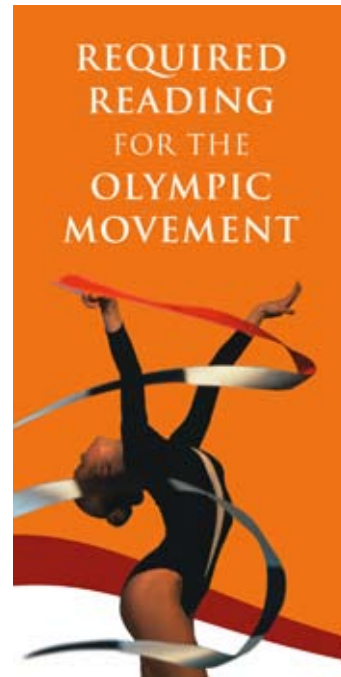
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Today's Highlights

- **11 a.m.** – Press conference. “Spirit of Sport”, co-hosted by AIPS and Laureus World Sport Academy.
- **5 p.m.** – Swimming Legends Natalie Coughlin, Katie Hoff, Michael Phelps, Ian Thorpe and Alex Popov at the Omega Pavilion on the Olympic Green.
- **7:45 p.m.** – International Softball Federation President Don Porter available to the media to answer questions at Fengtai Softball Field (room B106).

Quote of the Day

“One year ago we needed one or two eyes to play against China. Now you need three eyes to play against them.”

- **Mauro Maugeri**, head coach of the Italian women's water polo team, after losing 10-7 to China in their Women's Water Polo 5th-6th Classification match



Main Press Centre

- **11 a.m.** – Joint IOC/BOCOG press briefing.

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- **All day** – Exhibit by folk artists. BIMC Level 2.
- **10 a.m.** – Executives from Yili Industrial Group and Beijing Yanjing Beer Group talk about China's enterprises for the Olympics. Hall 2.
- **12 p.m.** – BOCOG's deputy director of venue management gives a briefing and takes questions about venue operations. Hall 1.
- **4:30 p.m.** – Movie screening: “Heavenly Grassland”.

Coming Up!

- **Aug. 23, 8 a.m.** – ATR Newsmaker Breakfast. First-ever joint appearance by the four 2016 bid cities. Leaders from Chicago, Madrid, Rio de Janeiro and Tokyo discuss strengths their cities offer, what makes them suitable. Venue: McDonald's, Olympic Green, north end.

2008 Medal Projections

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total		Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
U.S.	47	26	34	107	France	7	15	15	37
China	46	18	30	94	Ukraine	5	7	10	22
Russia	29	29	28	86	Netherlands	5	4	7	16
Germany	19	12	18	49	Poland	4	8	4	16
Great Britain	19	11	15	45	Kenya	4	5	4	13
Australia	10	11	15	36	Romania	4	4	3	11
Italy	10	11	12	33	Czech Republic	4	4	2	10
Korea	10	11	10	31	Canada	3	9	5	16
Japan	8	8	16	32	Cuba	3	10	6	19
Spain	8	5	8	21	Hungary	3	6	6	15

Based on results in recent World Championships. Projections are by Luciano Barra, former director of sport for the Italian Olympic Committee (CONI), and deputy CEO of TOROC 2006. Barra has been projecting medal counts for 10 years by analyzing past performances.



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Chinese Bring Bargaining Skills to Olympic Pin Trading Circus

Besides "hello" and "thank you," Beverley Charles has learned a useful Chinese phrase for the Olympics: "Jiao Huan." "Exchange."

Charles, of Sydney, is one of hundreds of pin traders from around the world who go to the Olympics in search of small treasures. Thousands of other people join the frenzy, hunting for pins they don't have or unloading pins they don't want while trying to make the ultimate trade.

Some specialize in pins from NOCs, media, sponsors, sports or venues. Others are less discerning.

"We've been known to trade for food, tickets, clothes," Charles tells Around the Rings. On a recent blue-sky day, she was set up outside the Main Press Center. Two cloths covered with pins were spread out on the ground in front of her, attracting mostly Chinese traders.

Some Chinese may have honed their bargaining skills at the famous Silk, Pearl and Dirt markets. They know how to play this game. They've also learned some prime English words, like "Limited Edition."



Yang Zhe, a new collector from Beijing, inspects pins on a yellow cap. (ATR)

A Spectator Sport

"I did the most intense trading I've ever done at an Olympics here on the Olympic Green," veteran trader Doug Todd tells ATR.

"I had a vest with pins on, and people would just come up to me. I'd stop and have 10 to 100 people around me. We'd block traffic and the police would ask me to move."

Clusters of people exchanging pins have been spotted throughout Beijing,

but some places are official. Coca-Cola has several sites: the Village Green Pin Trading Center; the Coca-Cola Olympic Red Passion Center; the south gate of Beijing's Chaoyang Park, The Place, a shopping mall, and the Olympex.

Of the 13 Olympics he's attended, Todd says Beijing ranks in the top four for pin trading alongside Los Angeles - his first Games - Calgary and Barcelona.

"After Torino where people didn't get into trading very much, the Chinese totally like trading and doing deals," he says. "I think some of them try to trade just to do a deal. They come up and have a set of pins, and they'd like to get another set. It doesn't matter what, just something else."

Key Pin of the Games?

So what's the hottest pin on the street, the Beijing equivalent of the Varsity pin from the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, or Fatso, the fat-arsed wombat, from the 2000 Sydney Games?

"I don't know what that pin is here yet and we're more than halfway through the Games," Charles says.

"If you ask people here what is a hot pin, everybody tells you different. It is in the eye of the beholder."

She says a lot of people have been trying to get their hands on the gold-toned Bird's Nest and Water Cube pins.

Todd says anything with the Olympic torch on it is popular, particularly the one from CCTV.

"Some people didn't want Beijing," Todd says. "They wanted another Olympics, or they wanted something from the U.S. That's unusual."

As trade bait, Todd brought a mix of pins that included sport pins from other games, like diving and hockey and generic NOCs.

Charles brought a




Beverley Charles with her collection. (ATR)

lot of Sydney pins, which were a big hit with some Chinese, but failed to interest others. She said not as many athletes had been trading pins in Beijing compared to past Games.

Yang Zhe, a new collector from Beijing, got a small stake of pins from his employer, Bank of China. He says the CCTV set is a good catch. He was also proud of his IBC and USA Today pins. "I like to collect them," he says. "What do you have for trade?"





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On the Scene in Beijing: *Protest Applications Not Approved*

Not one of the 77 applications submitted by people wanting to stage protests during the Beijing Olympics was approved by Beijing authorities.

The municipal public security bureau said the applications involved a total of 149 people, including three from overseas, since Aug. 1. State media reports did not identify applicants who are pro-Tibet or anti-China activists.

The planned protests apparently concerned labor, medical and welfare issues. But 74 applications were withdrawn after amicable settlements.

Two other applications were suspended because of incomplete procedures. One was rejected as the applicant wanted to involve children in the demonstration, which is against Chinese law.

News of the applications comes after BOCOG officials claimed they knew nothing about the number approved or rejected.

Beijing set up three specially designated protest "zones" but the parks, far from Games venues, have been free of demonstrations.

Isolated protests elsewhere - including the unfurling "Free Tibet" banners - have been swiftly halted by city police. BOCOG spokesman Sun Weide was guarded when asked to comment on the thus far protest-free Games. "I think we have made it very clear. This is not a matter for BOCOG, we are a sports organization," he told ATR.

State media also reveal that 22 inquiries about application procedures, including 13 from city residents and nine from overseas, were submitted to the public security bureau.



Ritan Park is one of three designated protest zones. / Getty Images

IOC Sanctions Greek Athlete

The IOC expelled Greek athlete Fani Chalkia for a doping offense and asked for an investigation of her coach.

Chalkia provided samples on Aug. 10 in Fukui, Japan, during a pre-competition doping control test. Both samples were positive for the banned steroid Methyltrienolone, also known as M3.

"The Greek NOC consequently suspended Ms. Chalkia and she left the Olympic Village," the IOC said in a statement.

The disciplinary commission has referred the case to the world athletics governing body, the IAAF. Notably, the IOC broadened its decision in the case to include the athlete's coach, George Panagiotopoulos, recommending Greek authorities investigate possible violations of Greek law by the coach.

Fiery China - U.S. Baseball Clash

A pitch struck the head of a U.S. player during his team's 9-1 victory over China. A series of "bean balls" ultimately sparked a brawl. The player, Matt LaPorta, was hospitalized for a precautionary CT scan after suffering mild concussion.



A volunteer attempts to restrain Team China manager Jim Lefebvre, who was ejected. / Getty Images

China's top player, catcher Wang Wei, departed with a left knee injury following a collision at the plate with LaPorta in the fifth inning.

Ghanaian Athlete Quits After Dispute

Despite appearing on a start list, leading Ghanaian athlete Vida Anim failed to enter a heat in the women's 200-meter event Tuesday, reportedly after a dispute with her national Olympic committee.

"It really appears to be a disciplinary issue between the NOC and the athlete at this stage," an IAAF spokesman tells Around the Rings.



Vida Anim (center) failed to qualify in the 100m race. / Getty Images

Anim said she was "really angry" over her treatment, understood to involve failure by the NOC to reimburse insurance and physiotherapy expenses, according to a BBC report.

Phelps Lifts NBC Audiences

Michael Phelps, the U.S. swimming star with eight gold medals to his name at the Beijing Olympics, helped U.S. broadcaster NBC attract its biggest prime-time audience in 18 years, the network reported.

Day Nine's telecast of his record-clinching eighth gold - eclipsing seven won by Mark Spitz in 1972 - averaged 31.1 million U.S. viewers.

Phelps goes to London this weekend to star in celebrations tied to the official handover of the Olympic Games Aug. 24. He is due on stage during a Visa 2012 party in The Mall.

A live concert for 40,000 people in London will coincide with the handing over of the Olympic flag at the closing ceremony in Beijing. British football star David Beckham is expected to make an appearance.

Beijing by the Numbers

With more than 42% female athletes, Beijing sets a new record for women's participation in the Olympics. Of 11,196 athletes, there are 4,746 women taking part in 137 events. The Games opened with 63 female flag bearers leading their delegations into the Bird's Nest.

Where's Jacques?

IOC president Jacques Rogge visited the Qingdao Olympic Sailing Center on Tuesday. Rogge competed in yachting at the Olympics in Mexico in 1968, Munich in 1972 and Montreal in 1976.

- Mark Bisson and Anthony Stavrinos

Courage Under Fire at Ming Tombs Reservoir

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for a controversial decision to appoint Colin Jenkins, who finished last-place, along with Paul Tichelaar as sacrificial teammates responsible for propelling Whitfield onto the podium.

Jenkins said he was happy to play the role and even stopped on his final lap to cheer Whitfield in his late surge to the finish line. Team tactics are common in bicycle road racing, but the strategy is new to triathlon.

"There's a Tragically Hip song called Courage," Whitfield explained. "We had the courage to put it out there that this is what we wanted to do. I put it out there that I wanted to win and I thought we wanted to evolve this and put a teammate forward and I took a kick in the shin for it."



The first leg done, athletes head for their bikes. / Getty Images



The second men's triathlon leg underway. / Getty Images

The youngest of the 56 triathletes was 18-year-old Wang Daqing of China. Volodymyr Polikarpkeno of Ukraine, 36, was the oldest.

The Ming Tombs Reservoir also hosted the women's race Monday, won by Australian three-time world champion Emma Snowsill. The race was marred by a bike collision that forced three triathletes out.

The picturesque 50-year-old reservoir is 50 kilometers from Beijing and located near the burial sites of the 13 emperors from China's Ming dynasty (1368-1644). The tombs are scattered over a 40 square kilometer area.

- Bob Mackin



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SOME EXAMPLES OF MAJOR SPORTS EVENTS HOSTED IN DENMARK:

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World Orienteering Championship 2006 (IOF)
World Match Racing Championship for women 2006 (ISAF)
World Standard Championship 2006 (IDSF)
World Floorball Championship for women 2007 (IFF)
World Sailing Farr 40 Championship 2007 (ISAF)

SOME EXAMPLES OF UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS TO BE HOSTED IN DENMARK:

World Taekwondo Championships 2009 (WTF)
UEFA Congress 2009 (UEFA)
World Wrestling Championship 2009 (FILA)
121st Session & XIII Olympic Congress 2009 (IOC)
World Track Cycling Championship 2010 (UCI)
World Road Cycling Championship 2011 (UCI)



Beijing Photo Gallery



Nate Schierholtz (white) of the U.S. barrels into Chinese catcher Yang Yang to score in their preliminary match. / Getty Images



Ivo Lakucs of Latvia skies during a practice session at Laoshan BMX Venue. / Getty Images



Sarah Steyaert of France finished fifth in the single-handed dinghy competition. / Getty Images



Hungarian Janos Jakab (black) topped Patrick Chila of France in a table tennis singles preliminary. / Getty Images



Australia's Suzy Batkovic (yellow) tried to shoot over Czech Republic's Jana Vesela during their quarterfinal match. / Getty Images



Riders race in the second portion of the men's triathlon final. German Jan Frodeno won gold. / Getty Images

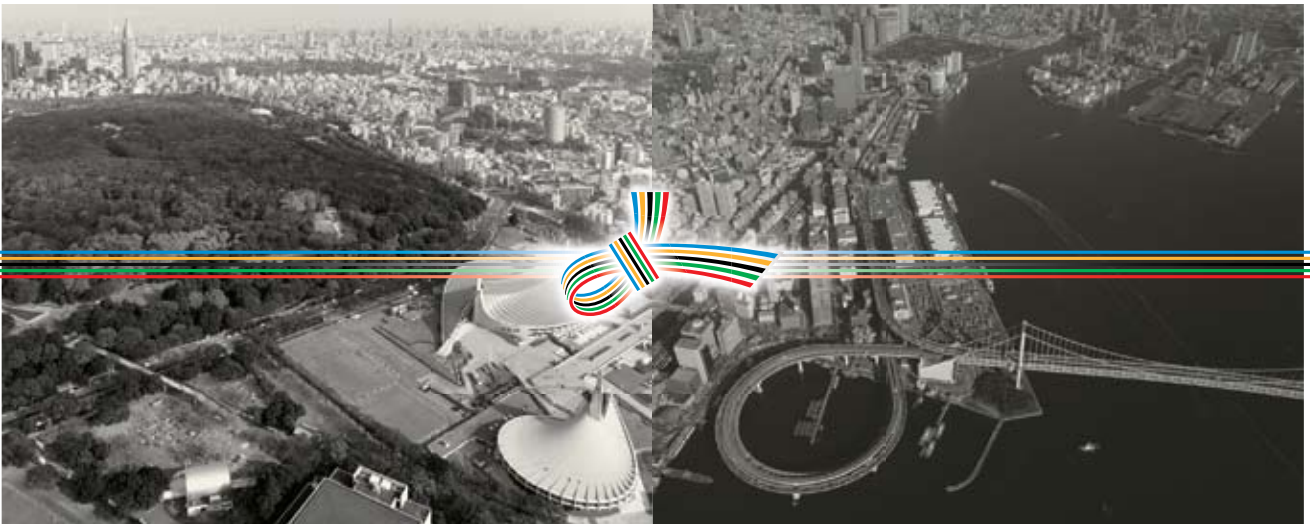
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